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### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-11 are pending in the application with claims 2-11 new.

Reexamination and reconsideration are hereby requested.

Claim 1 was rejected as anticipated by Sarkar. The Examiner noted the "SSC symbol correlator" of Figure 8 of Sarkar.

Applicants reply that Sarkar does not consider sums of codes as elements of the CFC codeword; rather, the codeword is a sequence of codes (SSCs) as shown in Figure 8 and column 15, lines 33-38. In contrast, step (b) of claim 1 requires the linear combinations of the results of the despreadings (detections of codes in a sum). Thus Sarkar does not suggest claim 1.

New claims 2-11 point out specific codeword structures.

The drawings were objected to because the method steps of claim 1 were not illustrated. Applicants propose attached new Figure 1c which is a flow diagram of the method, so no new matter is introduced.

Respectfully submitted,



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### Proposed new Figure 1c

